

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Thomas E. Whittlesey et al. Confirmation No. 1598  
Application No.: 10/729,282 Group Art Unit: 3643  
Filed: December 5, 2003 Examiner: Richard Thomas Price, Jr.  
For: **Systems With Interchangeable Horns For Producing Encased Products And  
Related Methods, Computer Program Products And Horn Rotor Assemblies**

Date: October 31, 2006

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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**RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

This response is submitted in reply to the Official Action dated October 10, 2006 ("the Action").

If any extension of time for the accompanying response or submission is required, Applicants request that this be considered a petition therefor. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee, which may be required, or credit any refund, to our Deposit Account No. 50-0220.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this document.

**Remarks** begin on page 12 of this document.